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Application of: Stein and Yang

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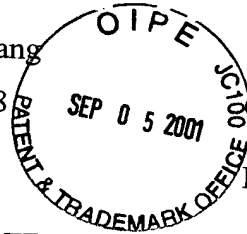
For: MITOGEN-ACTIVATED PROTEIN
KINASE KINASE MEK6 AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: Y. Pak

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 13, 2000, please consider the amendments and remarks below. Also submitted concurrently are: (a) a Petition to Extend Time accompanied by the required fee; (b) a marked-up version of the claims amended herein as Appendix A; (c) a clean copy of the claims as pending in the present application after entry of the present amendment as Appendix B; (d) a Transmittal of Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest and Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney; and (e) Revocation and Power of Attorney.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-21 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- B1
1. An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence provided in SEQ ID NO:2.